

## **1038.20.05          Standard Utility Allowance**

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The standard utility allowance is five hundred fifty six dollars(\$556.00) per household per month based on an annualized (twelve- month) average of utility costs. The standard utility allowance includes the cost of heating and/or cooling, cooking fuel, electricity, or gas not used to heat or cool the residence, the basic service fee for one telephone, water, sewerage and garbage and trash collection.

All households that incur heating and/or cooling expenses are required to use the full standard utility allowance. When separate households are residing together and share heating and/or cooling expenses, each family must receive the full standard utility allowance. To qualify for the standard utility allowance, a household must 1)be billed on a regular basis for its primary utility for heating and/or cooling or 2) receive or expect to receive energy assistance under LIHEAA at its current address.

Those households with heating/cooling expenses must verify them; those receiving LIHEAA must document such assistance. Heating costs can include oil, gas, electricity, coal, wood, etc., if the household's primary heating utility is one of these sources.

(Refer to Section 1008.20.25.05.)